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Military Information from the Wustrow AAA Range

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14 and 15 July 1951

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1. On 15 July 1951, it was determined that another restricted area, not the Wustrow (M 55/0 51) peninsula, was on the coast northeast of Rerik. It was cordoned off by Volkspolizei and Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only guards were seen there by the source. However, local residents stated that the restricted area was used by troops who arrived from Wustrow on foot or by truck for infantry training. No artillery firing practice was held there.
2. AAA practice firing at towed-sleeve targets at Wustrow was conducted once a week. No aircraft other than those towing targets were stationed there. It was estimated that there were 3,000 troops practicing at Wustrow. They were rotated every four weeks.

3. Trucks of an artillery unit which were seen at the road intersection 6 km east of Rerik on 14 July [REDACTED] occupied by a field-grade officer and 4 artillerymen, [REDACTED] which

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- picked up 3 artillery officers and 15 EM at the Neubukow railroad station; and [REDACTED]

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4. On 14 July, a troop train of 20 cars was observed on a siding in the Kroepelin (M 55/0 51) railroad station. The train was occupied by about 250 troops, including 19 officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No heavy weapons or motor vehicles were seen. Personnel carrier [REDACTED] stood in front of the Kroepelin railroad station. Its driver wore artillery insignia. *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the AAA units at Wustrow in mid-July belonged to the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GOFG; the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, of the GOFG; the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army; and the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mocz Army. The departure of the AAA units from their respective posts in late June and early July has been repeatedly reported.

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